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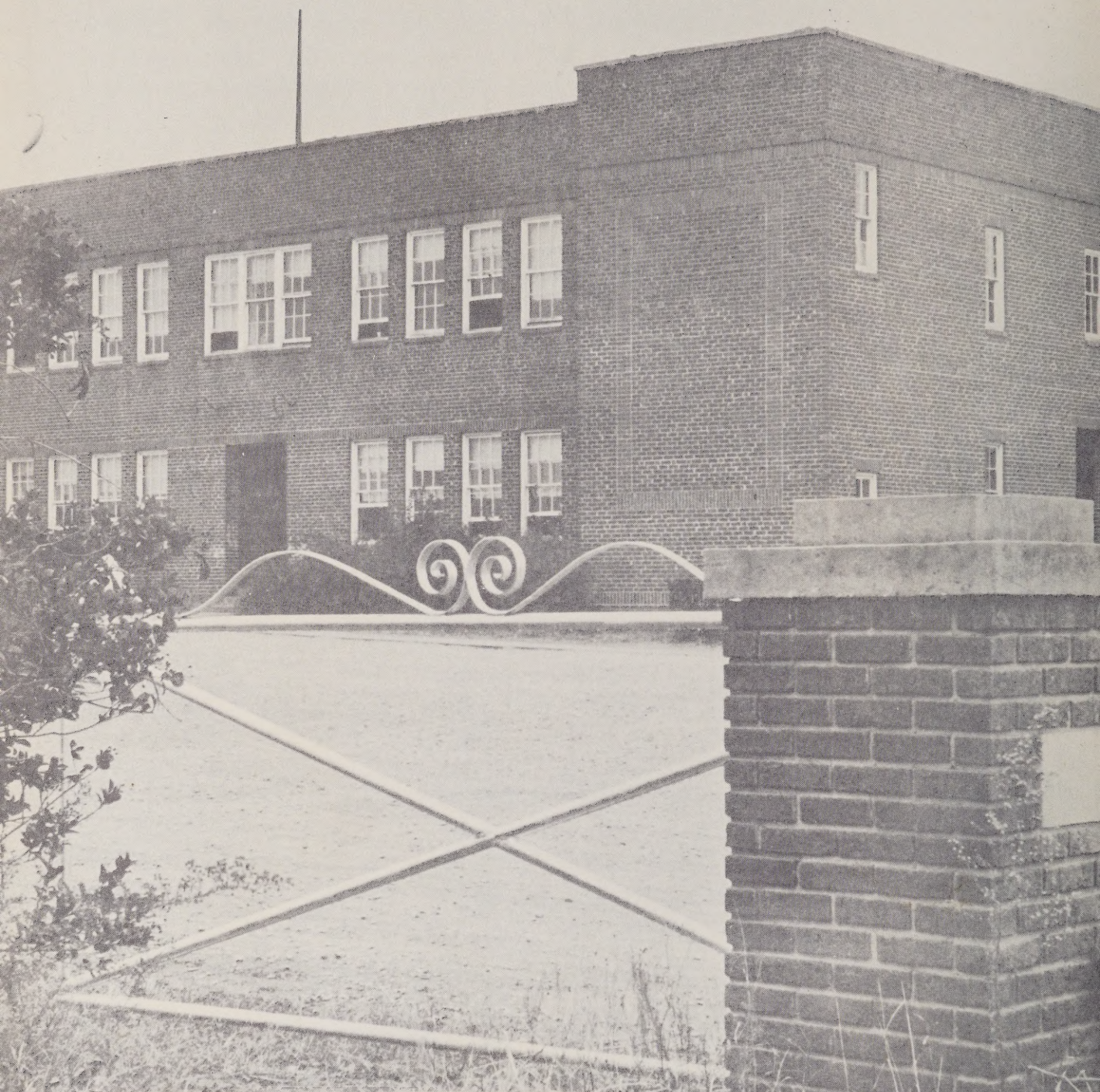
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SENIOR CLASS

Benton Heights High School

Monroe, North Carolina

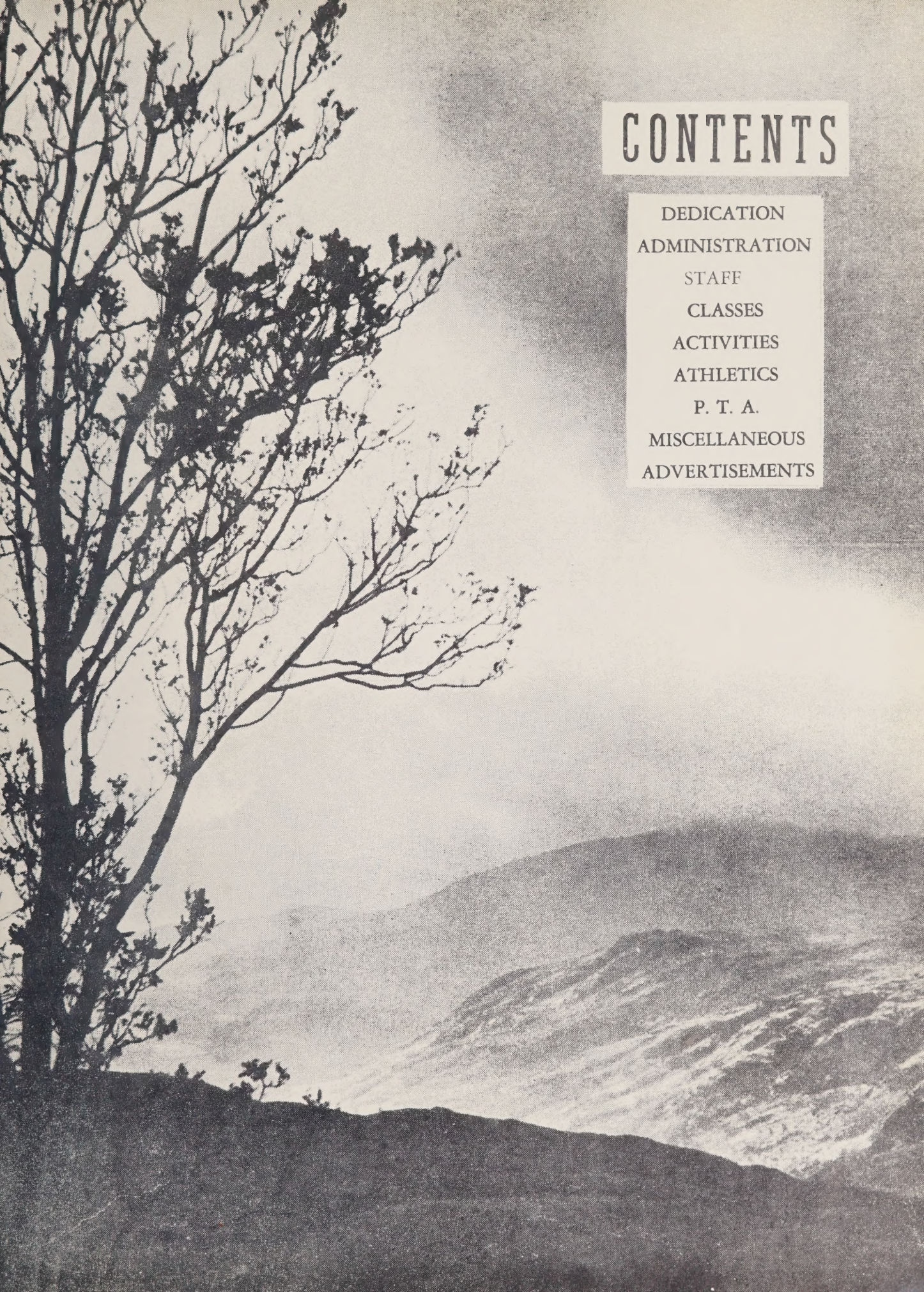




FOREWORD

As we near the crest of the peak we so hopefully started climbing four years ago, we look back over familiar scenes and faces that have done so much to help us along our trek upward.

In this 1953 edition of "THE HEIGHTS" we have attempted to portray the scenes of yesterday, the events of today, and the prophecies of tomorrow.

A black and white photograph of a tree in the foreground and a mountain range in the background. The tree is on the left side, with its branches extending towards the center. The mountain range is in the background, with peaks and ridges visible. The sky is a light, hazy gray.

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DEDICATION

To our parents, those trail-blazers who have carved our paths, those who have given their all that we might see those great peaks of life and through their never-ceasing efforts reach them, we, the Senior Class of 1953 dedicate this edition of "*The Heights*".



PRINCIPAL

MR. OSCAR W. BROOME
A.B., Duke University, M.A., A.S.T.C.
Principal and History

Mr. Broome has been principal of Benton Heights School since 1943. Through his leadership and guidance the school has grown and improved in many ways. Even though he has many responsibilities as administrator he has found time to be Co-Sponsor for the Student Council and to take a great part in the Athletic program. He will long be remembered by the students of 1953, for his loyal devotion and guidance.



SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hoyle Helms; Mr. Willie Helms; Mr. H. D. Fowler. *Chairman*: Mr. Oscar W. Broome, *Principal*; Mr. Bruce Secrest; Mr. W. L. Langdon.

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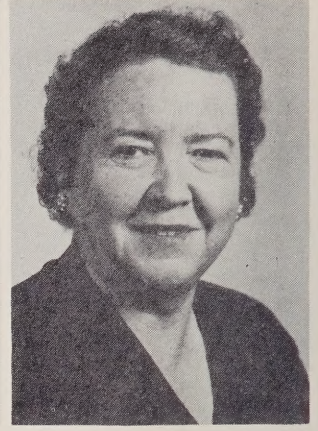
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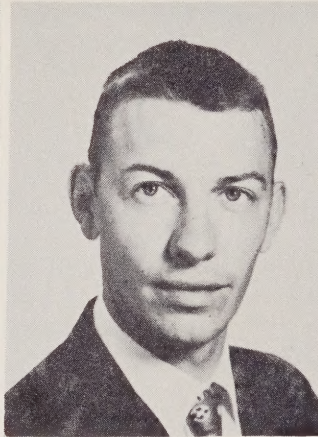
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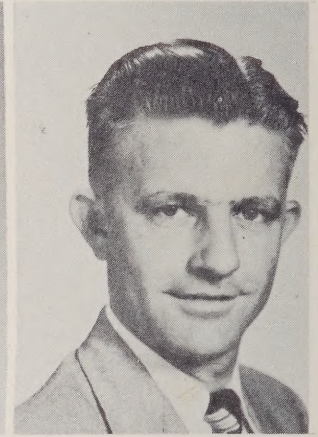
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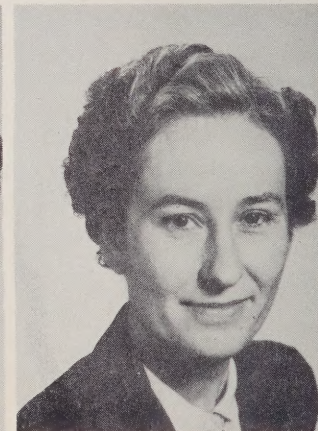
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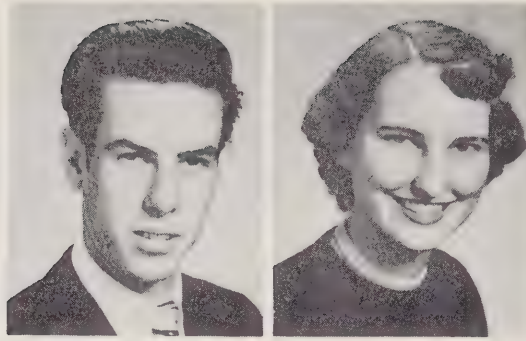


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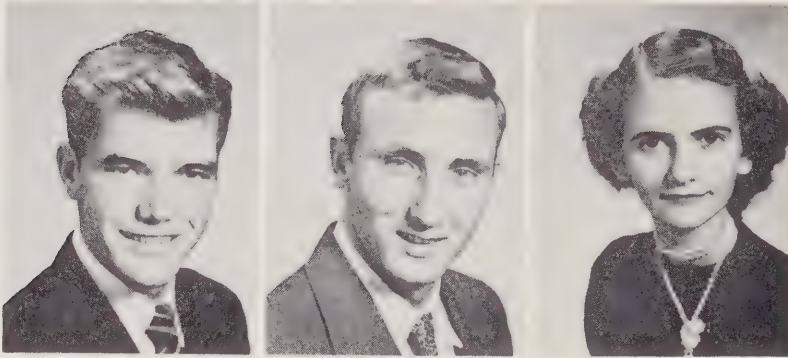
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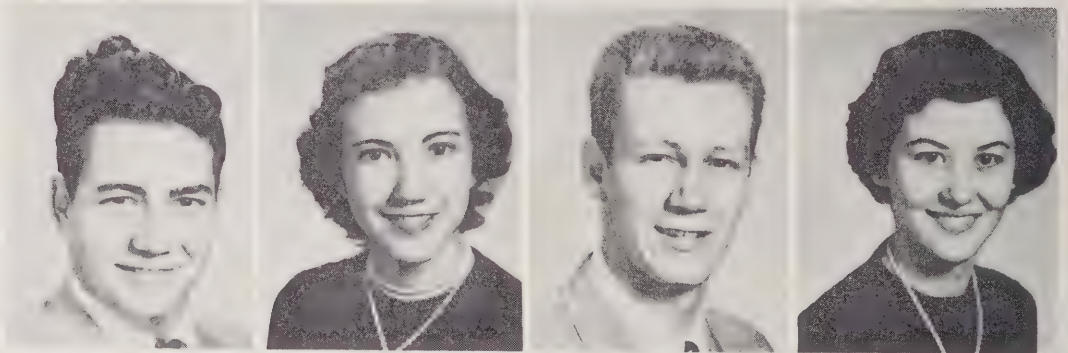
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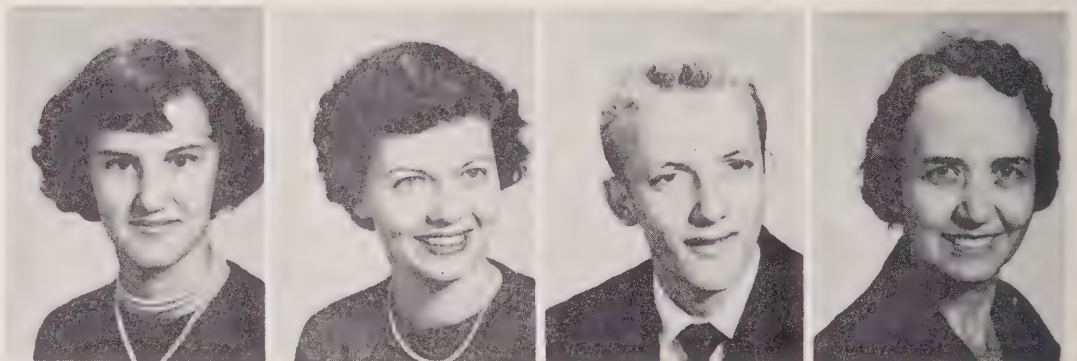


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JACKIE WATERS
Miss Benton Heights



Dear Seniors:

As you approach the first major milestone in your educational career, I am sure that you have come to realize that this thing we call education is not a fixed goal but rather a process of growth. For that reason you are not by any means approaching the end just because you are about to graduate. As long as you have the capacity to read, observe, and think reflectively, this growth process will continue. If it were not so, you would become static and useless to yourself and to others.

You have come a long way. Your accomplishments have been many, and your efforts crowned with success. It is true, however, that for the most part you have been receiving—from your parents, from your school, from your teachers, and from your community. Your life process from now on will require of you much giving—to your homes, to your state and nation, and to society in general. If now you can do that, you have "found your peak". As you measure up to this new responsibility, you will climb to that peak.

I hope we have been able to point the way. I wish for you much happiness and success as you climb.

Yours sincerely,
OSCAR W. BROOME



CLAYTON PRESSLEY
President

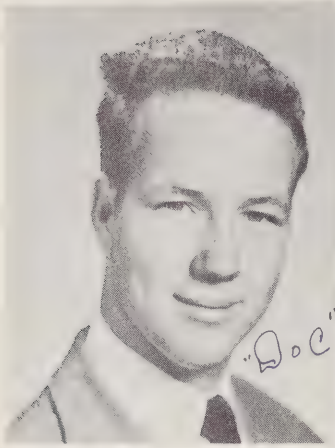
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Reporter and Historian

MARCINE GRIFFIN
Secretary

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Vice President

SENIORS



DALTON BRANTLEY

"To my silence I both bear and think."

Monroe High School 1; "The Constitution Comes to Life" cast 1; Usher "That's My Boy" 3; Usher Beauty Contest 4; Glee Club 4.

LOUVINIA BROOME

"The girl with a smile is the girl worth while."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2; Co-Captain 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Queen 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Testator 4; Snapshot Editor "The Heights" 4; Distribution Assistant "Hi-Lights" 4; Office Assistant 4.

ELIZABETH COOKE

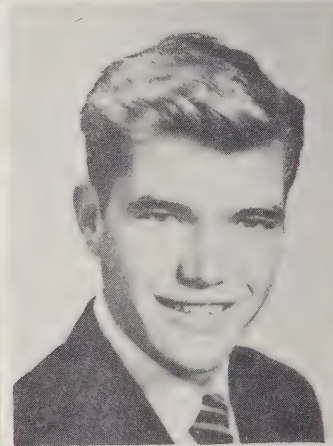
"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."

Wingate High School 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 3, 4.

MAX EURY

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1; "The Lost Star" cast 2; "Magnolia Blossom" 2; Class President 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "A Turn In the Lane" 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; President 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President 3; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Distribution Manager 3; Student Council President 4; Class Historian and Reporter 4; Toastmaster Junior-Senior Banquet 3.



CLAUDENE FERGUSON

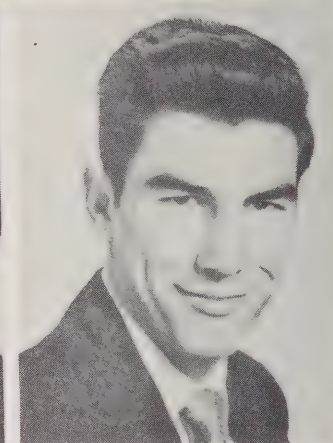
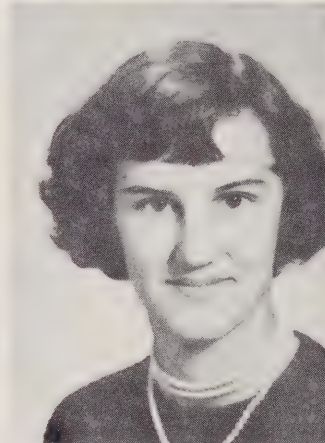
"To know her is to love her and she is well known."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2, 3; Class Prophet 4; Assistant Typist 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Student Council Representative 2; School Librarian 3, 4.

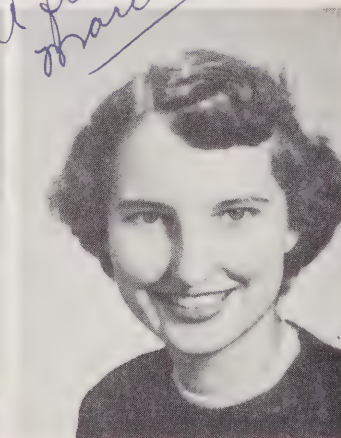
STEVE FERGUSON

"Tis not the mere stage of life but the part we play thereon that gives the value."

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President Glee Club 4; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Student Council 3.



*A friend,
Marcine*



EARLDEAN GRIFFIN

"A true friend is forever a friend."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Usher "That's My Boy" 3.

MARCINE GRIFFIN

"Whatever she does, she does well."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. Secretary 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Office Assistant 4; Class Secretary 4; Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Associate Editor 3; Associate Editor "Heights" 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3; Marshal 1, 2, 3.

SENIORS

HUGH CLARK HARGETTE

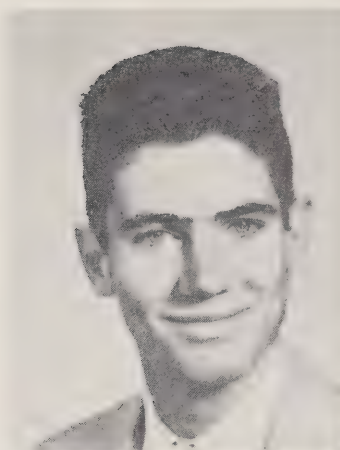
"Full of life, believes in fun and has it."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President of Class 3.

GENE HELMS

"Gladly a helping hand he will lend."

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Vice President 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Harvest Festival King 3; "The Lamp Went Out" stage hand 2.



JIMMY HELMS

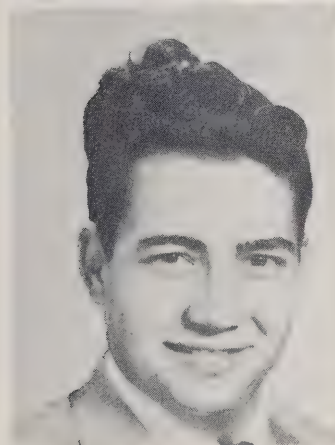
"After all life is what you make it."

Class President 2; Vice President 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 1, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Annual Staff 4.

JOHNNIE JEAN HELMS

"Better to be small and shine than to be large and cast a shadow."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Usher "Damsels in Distress" 2; "The Lost Star" cast 2; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Treasurer Beta Club 3; Treasurer F.H.A. 4; Business Manager Assistant "The Heights" 4; Beta Club Program Committee 4.



KENNETH HELMS

"A true example that not all good things come in small packages."

Basketball Manager 3; Picture Editor "The Heights" 4; Bus Driver 4.

LOUISE HELMS

"Kind, dependable, lovable, capable, sweet—that's Louise."

Class President 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Historian 3; Reporter 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Marshal 1, 2; Chief 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Assistant Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Literary Editor "The Heights" 4.

MARY HELMS

"Nothing is so kindly as kindness."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3.

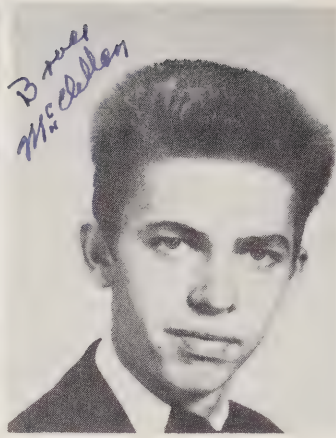
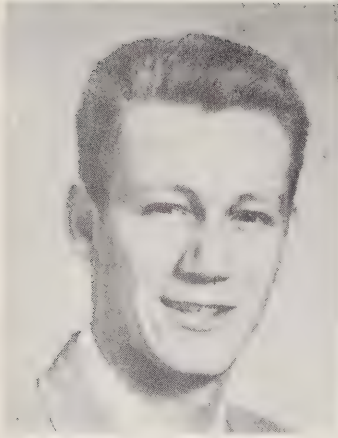
SHIRLEY HELMS

"She knows more than she says."

Cafeteria 2, 3.



SENIORS



EARL KIKER

"He's witty, clever, very frank, and apt to play on you a prank."

Basketball 2, 3; Class Poet 4; Comic Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Sales Manager "The Heights" 4; "Look Me In the Eye" Stage Assistant 3.

BRUCE McCLELLAN

"His quiet manner expresses the spirit of kindness."

Monroe High School 1, 2; "That's My Boy" stage hand 3.

BRUCE MEDLIN

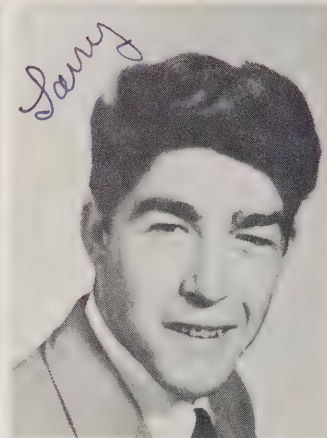
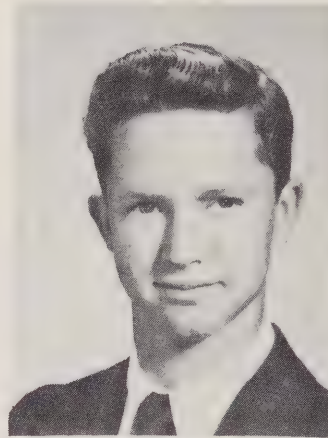
"Ambition has no risk."

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Program Committee 3; President 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Boy's State 4; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Grade News Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Marshal 3; Store Buyer 4; Advertising Assistant 4; Class Secretary 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3.

LARRY McGINNIS

"Effort is the secret of attainment."

Monroe 1, 2, 3; "In The Spring The Sap" cast 3; Club Editor "The Heights" 4.



PEGGY POLK

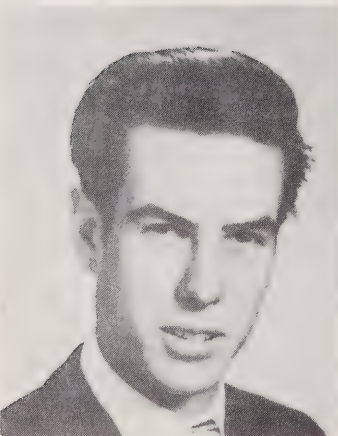
"Silence, the golden virtue."

Cafeteria 2, 4.

J. L. POPLIN

"Nothing is wrong with the mind of the man who minds his own business."

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Class Secretary 2; "That's My Boy" Stage Assistant 3.



CLAYTON PRESLEY

"He uses the great knowledge he has to help others."

Monroe 1, 2; President Class 4; Editor in Chief "The Heights" 4; Boy's State 4.

DELBERT PRICE

"Ob mind of mine, where art thou roaming?"

Basketball 1, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Monogram Club 3, 4.

SENIORS

LUCILLE PRICE

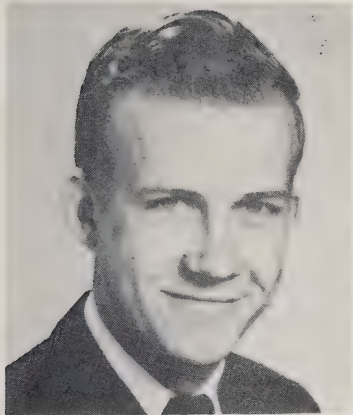
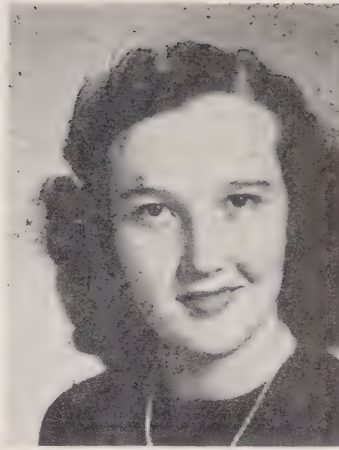
"From her original manner shines a bright outlook of life."

Cafeteria 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4.

FRANKIE SHEFFIELD

"Extreme wit with a heart of gold."

Monroe 1; Charleston 2; Annual Staff 4; Sports Editor "Hi-Lights" 4.



EUGENE TRULL

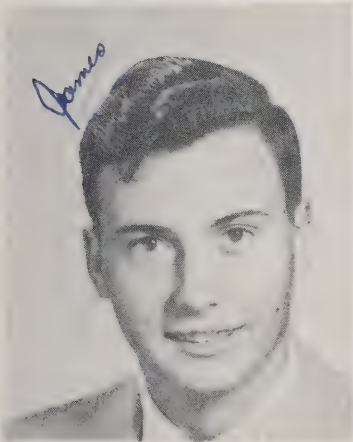
"The silent man is the one most worth listening to."

Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Boy's State 1; Class Treasurer 4; Cafeteria 4.

JACKIE WATERS

"Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Chief 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; News Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Assistant Distribution Manager of the "Hi-Lights" 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Miss Benton Heights" 4.



JAMES WHITAKER

"Have something to say; say it; and stop when you're done."

Stage Assistant "And the Lamp Went Out" 2; "That's My Boy" 3; Bus Driver 4.

ANNE WILEY

"The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Prompter "Damsels in Distress" 2; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Student Council Secretary 2; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Chief Typist "The Heights" 4; Vice President 4; Miss Hi Miss 4.

BERTHA MAE WRIGHT

"Her ways are expressions of friendliness."

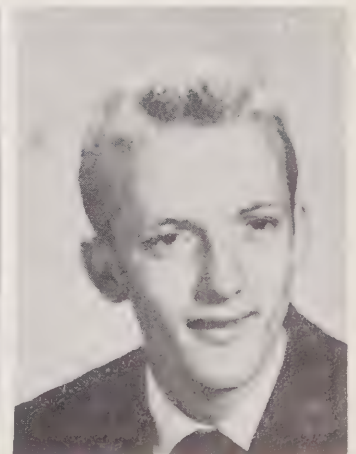
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 3, 4; Cafeteria 4; Usher "That's My Boy".

BILLY RAY YANDLE

little nonsense now and then, is relished by the best of men."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Sports Editor "The Heights" 4; "That's My Boy" 3.

"Bertha Mae"





MASCOTS

Eddie Winchester

Candy Helms

CLASS MOTTO

"Pick Your Peak and Climb."

Class Flower—*Carnation*

Class Colors—*Blue and White*



ANNE WILEY
Miss Hi Miss



Mrs. C. O. Ferguson

GRADE MOTHERS



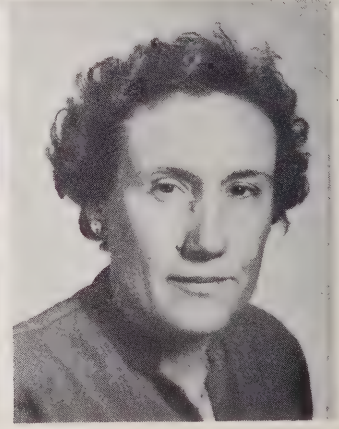
Mrs. Walter Griffin



Mrs. Johnny Flynn



Mrs. Hoy Ferguson



Mrs. S. L. Polk

CLASS POEM

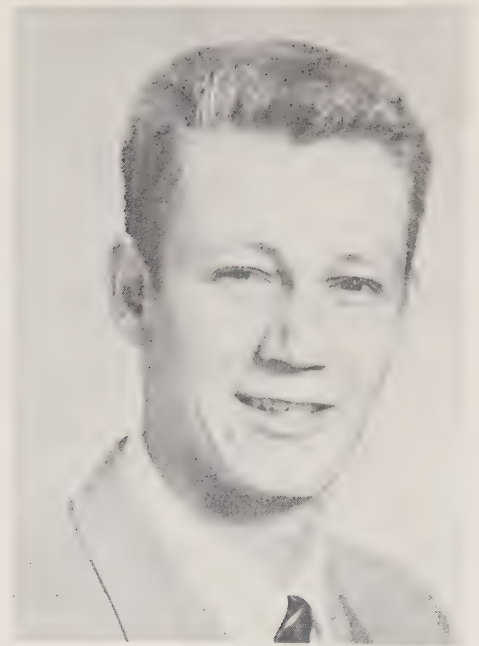
Where is this place of high esteem,
This place we call success;
Where fondest dreams are realized,
And troubles come to rest.

We cannot see this haven clear,
Our vision is too weak;
But let us try to picture it,
As on a distant mountain peak.

Each peak will represent a goal,
A chosen way of life;
A challenge to the hardy souls,
Who welcome work and strife.

So keep in mind the final goal
Is worth the work and time;
So join the band of seekers bold,
And pick your peak and climb.

EARL KIKER
Class Poet



EARL KIKER



GENE MORRIS, Senior, from Weaverville, North Carolina, entered Benton Heights High School on December 2, 1952

CLASS HISTORY



Twelve short years ago a band of seventy-nine inexperienced mountain climbers gathered together to climb a large peak. Although not knowing how to climb as yet, we had heard of others who had climbed the peak and received great rewards for it, so we were determined to complete our climb.

The first year we established footholds and began our upward surge.

The following teachers helped us secure our footholds Mrs. Lela Benton, Mrs. Lydia Griffin, Miss Helen Schoekner, Miss Hawthorne, Mrs. Sam Foster, Mrs. James Pressley, Mrs. Hinson, Miss Pat Benton, Miss Annie Williams, Miss Margaret Love, Mrs. Nell Correll, Mrs. Oscar Broome, Mrs. Lane Teeter, and Miss Christine Whitley. We were at a point where

we could see the white peak in the not too far off future, still we knew it would take four more years of hard work to reach the top.

Through the years as the trails had become narrower and the mountain steeper some of our troop dropped behind while still others had discontinued the climb entirely. Out of the group of seventy-nine only forty-four now remained.

With the total of forty-four we started our ninth year climb with Mrs. Grace W. Craig as our leader. She taught us many new and exciting things about the peak. We elected as our class officers this year: Louise Helms, President; Jimmy Helms, Vice President; Bobby Pope, Secretary; and Max Eury, Treasurer. We also elected Jackie Waters and Gene Helms as Student Council Representatives.

In the Tenth year of our climb with Mr. Everette Hatley serving as sponsor we saw many more exciting things: We elected as class leaders: Jimmy Helms, President; Bruce Medlin, Vice President; J. L. Poplin, Secretary; and Nadine Holshouser, Treasurer. We elected as Student Council Representatives Claudene Ferguson and Gene Helms. This year the following members of our class were admitted to the Beta Club: Bruce Medlin, Johnnie Jean Helms, Louise Helms, Nadine Holshouser, and Anne Wiley.

With Miss Lathan as leader in the eleventh year, we climbed still higher. This year we elected as class officers: Max Eury, President; Hugh Clarke Hargette, Vice President; Bruce Medlin, Secretary; and Claudene Ferguson, Treasurer. This year saw the Beta Club accept two more members of our class, Marcine Griffin and Jackie Waters. Gene Helms was named Vice President of the Student Council, Jackie Waters and Steve Ferguson served as representatives.

This year we staged a banquet for a group of climbers who were nearing the top of the peak. We were fortunate in having as guest speaker at this banquet Mr. N. K. Dickerson, Sr., who has climbed many, many peaks during his life.

Then comes the final year of the club. The group is now cut to thirty-two determined climbers. Miss Lathan again acts as sponsor. We have for class officers: Clayton Pressley, President; Anne Wiley, Vice President; Marcine Griffin, Secretary; and Eugene Trull, Treasurer.

Max Eury is President of the Student Council. Jackie Waters and Jimmy Helms are Student Council Representatives.

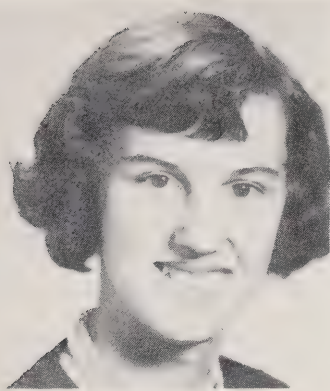
We are glad to welcome to our class Gene Morris from Asheville.

Now at the end of our climb the thirty-three who have faced hardships and the wonderful times want to thank our leaders for securing our footholds and making it possible that we could reach the peak. Without the assistance of our most capable leaders we could never have reached the top.

We know that this is only one great peak of many of life which we must climb, but with the superior leadership which we have been rendered I feel sure that any one of us can climb any peak he chooses.

MAX EURY
Historian

CLASS PROPHECY



Sitting in the swing and watching the full moon rise and a soft summer breeze blowing reminds me of my high school days. Then as the peace and quiet of that summer evening of '63 began to settle and the lights came on in the little houses it suddenly reminded me that here I was ten years since I had graduated from high school and since then I had been in touch with my classmates very little. Then the stars began to come out and as they appeared each one reminded me of one of my fellow classmates portraying to me their success in life.

1. Louvinia Broome and Jimmy Helms are now doing quite well for themselves with Jimmy running his own service station and Louvinia designing clothes for her own dress shop.
2. Marcine Griffin has now obtained the other ring to match her diamond and is living in California with her husband, Seaman Douglas Carter.
3. Jackie Waters is now starring in Paramount's new hit "THE LADY WORE BLACK."
4. Mary Helms is busy modeling bathing suits for Rose Marie Reed in New York.
5. Billy Ray Yandle is now the sports announcer for the C.B.S. Television Network.
6. Max Eury is coaching football and basketball with the nation's top team in his lap, at W.C.T.C.
7. Larry McGinnis is teaching History in a well known high school.
8. Gene Helms is a very well known assistant coach to Max Eury.
9. Louise Helms has put her talent to use and is the head of a big advertising firm.
10. James Whitaker now has his hands full running his own dairy.
11. Eugene Trull who took such good care of the Senior Class funds now has a job in a bank.
12. Frankie Sheffield is now running her own beauty shop and I might add has obtained great fame.
13. Shirley Helms now has a line on everybody's business, she is a telephone operator.
14. Peggy Polk is now chief bookkeeper for Ivey's in Charlotte.
15. Lucille Price is now making a tour of Germany in search of her husband.
16. Bertha Mae Wright is now doing T.V. Commercials for Camay Soap.
17. Delbert Price now has his own termite exterminating company.
18. Bruce Medlin is now a very prominent and successful businessman.
19. Johnnie Jean Helms is putting her shorthand to use as his secretary.
20. Anne Wiley is now a famous scientist and is working on a new formula to remove freckles.
21. Earl Kiker after a long life full of doing nothing has now retired and is continuing to do nothing.
22. Hugh Clarke Hargette now has his hands full training boys for stockroom jobs at Newberrys.
23. Elizabeth Cooke is now living in Texas with her husband who is a successful mechanic.
24. Steve Ferguson is now running a chain of used cars on the east coast and is playing professional golf on the side.
25. Bruce McClellan has a full time job painting technicolor scenes for Metro Goldwyn Mayer.
26. Clayton Pressley has now replaced Frank Parker on the Arthur Godfrey show.
27. Dalton "Doc" Brantley is now Editor in Chief of The Charlotte News.
28. J. L. Poplin has just recently replaced Yogie Berra for the New York Yankees.
29. Kenneth Helms is now owner of his own Hamburger stand called "FLAT AND THIN."
30. Earledean Griffin who has always had a love for red now has her own "CRIMSON DRESS SHOP."
31. Gene Morris has recently replaced Mickey Mantle for the New York Yankees.

CLAUDINE FERGUSON
Class Prophet

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT



We, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-three of Benton Heights High School, City of Monroe, County of Union, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, and realizing our impending departure from this school, do hereby declare and make this our last will and testament.

ARTICLE I

To our principal, Mr. Oscar W. Broome, we wish to express our many thanks for the interest and leadership he has shown us during the past years.

ARTICLE II

To the faculty, we leave our sincere appreciation for the efforts put forth to help us complete our studies.

ARTICLE III

To the class of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, we bequeath the honor and privilege of becoming seniors. To the rest of the students we leave our most treasured and loved gift, a great school.

1. Dalton Brantley bequeaths his bashfulness and good ways to David Terry.
2. I, Louvinia Broome, bequeath my love for attractive clothes and ability to play basketball to Donnie Helms.
3. Elizabeth Cooke leaves her favorite giggle to Joanne Helms.
4. Max Eury wills his ability to have a good time while he is broke to Bud Mullis.
5. Claudene Ferguson keeps Johny and leave this advice to all talkative girls "Keep Quiet in class."
6. Steve Ferguson bestows his ability to get a different car every week-end to Roger Hall.
7. Earldean Griffin leaves her dignified ways to Ruth Neal McClellan.
8. Marcine Griffin leaves her title as "most in love" to Nelda Jean Williams.
9. Hugh Clarke Hargette leaves his position at Newberrys as stockroom boy to anyone willing to take it.
10. Gene Helms leaves his peroxided hair to "Hobo" Derrick.
11. Jimmy Helms leave his athletic ability to Monte Helms.
12. Johnnie Jean Helms bestows her friendliness to Coleen Moore.
13. Kenneth Helms bequeaths his lazy ways to Johny Tsitouris.
14. Louise Helms wills her capability to Jerry Weir.
15. Mary Ann Helms leaves her personality to Louise Williams.
16. Shirley Helms leaves her hopes to gain weight to Anne Curlee.
17. Earl Kiker leaves his mischievous ways to Jackie Baker and his wreckless driving to Monte Helms.
18. Bruce McClellan leaves his unselfish ways to Max Hargette.
19. Larry McGinnis bestows his dependable riders to his sister Shirley.
20. Bruce Medlin leaves his few extra pounds to Bill Helms, and his few extra feet to Bruce Bradley.
21. Peggy Polk bequeaths her quietness to Ruth Simpson.
22. J. L. Poplin leaves his ability as a baseball player to David Walker.
23. Clayton Pressley bestows his dependability to Maurice Baker.
24. Delbert Price leaves his crew cut to anybody crazy enough to have their hair cut that way and who is too lazy to comb it.
25. Lucille Price bestows her originality to Joyce Byrum.
26. Frankie Sheffield leaves his ability to get along with teachers to the incoming seniors.
27. Eugene Trull leaves his neatness to Donald Rummage.
28. Jackie Waters leaves her flirty ways to Betty Ann McGinnis.
29. James Whitaker leaves bus No. 95 to anyone crazy enough to drive it.
30. Anne Wiley leaves her attractiveness to her sister Martha.
31. Bertha Mae Wright leaves her lazy ways to Gertrude McCain.
32. Billy Ray Yandle leaves his position on the baseball team to Charles Gordon.
33. Gene Morris leaves his ability to come to our school and become acquainted with the student body.

We hereby appoint Mrs. Linda F. Hilton, our annual advisor, as sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

Witness
Frankie Sheffield
Louise Helms

Attorney
Louvinia Broome

SUPERLATIVES



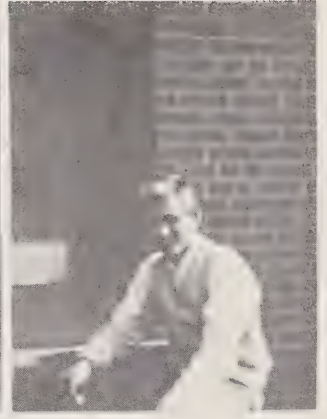
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Most Unselfish



Earledean Griffin
Most Dignified



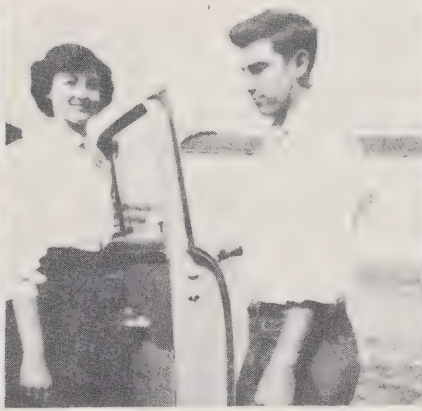
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Most Capable



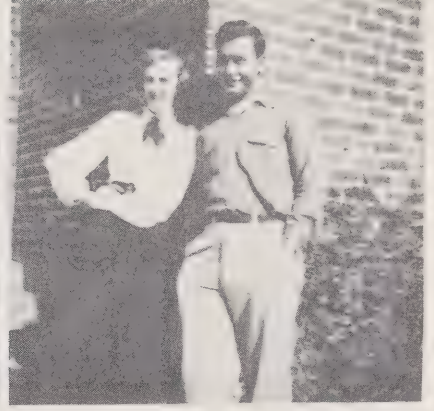
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Best Sport



Max Eury
Jackie Waters
Most Popular



Anne Wiley
Steve Ferguson
Most Courteous



Peggy Ann Polk
James Whitaker
Quietest



Dalton Brantley
Peggy Ann Polk
Most Bashful



Bertha Mae Wright
Kenneth Helms
Laziest

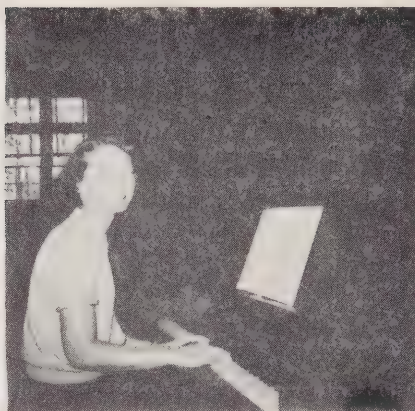


Bruce Medlin
Johnnie Jean Helms
Class Baby

SUPERLATIVES



Johnnie Jean Helms
Max Eury
Friendliest



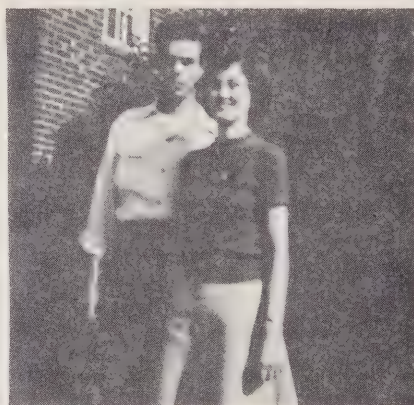
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Most Talented
Most Musical



Gene Helms
Frankie Sheffield
Most Beautiful
Most Handsome



Hugh Clarke Hargette
Marcine Griffin
Most In Love



Clayton Pressley
Anne Wiley
Most Dependable
Most Industrious



Jackie Waters
Max Eury
Biggest Flint
Class Wolf



Louise Helms
Bruce Medlin
Most Studious



Mary Helms
Gene Helms
Best Personality



Bruce Medlin
Anne Wiley
Most Business Like
Most Likely to Succeed

SUPERLATIVES



Claudine Ferguson
Most Talkative



Anne Wiley
Most Attractive



Lucille Price
Most Original



Johnnie Jean Helms
Cutest



Hugh Clarke Hargette
Louvinia Broome
Best Dressed



Jackie Waters
*Most Conceited
Pepiest*



Louvinia Broome
Jimmy Helms
Most Athletic



Hugh Clarke Hargette
Biggest Show Off



Frankie Sheffield
Earl Kiker
*Wittiest
Most Mischievous*



Marcine Griffin
Max Eury
Best-All-Round

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE



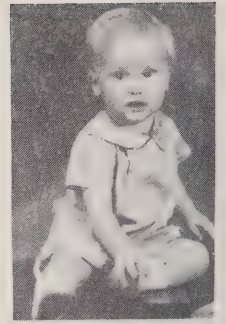
Max Eury



Jimmy Helms



J. L. Poplin



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Bertha Mae Wright



Johnnie Jean Helms



Clayton Pressley



Mary Helms



Dalton Brantley



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Eugene Trull



Frankie Sheffield

SENIORS AT WORK



COMMERCIAL



LIBRARY



Jerry Weir
Vice Presiden

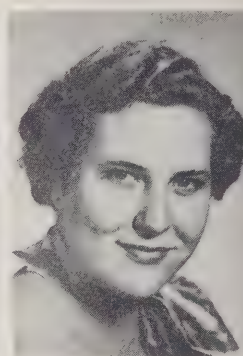
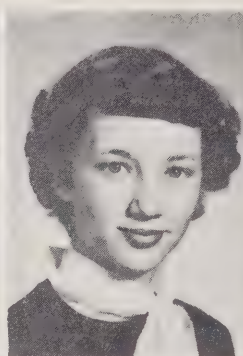
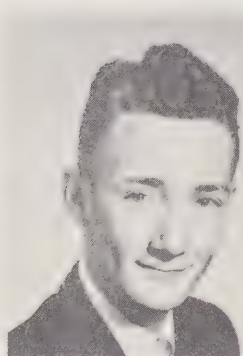
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Secretary

Ruth Neal McClellan
Treasurer

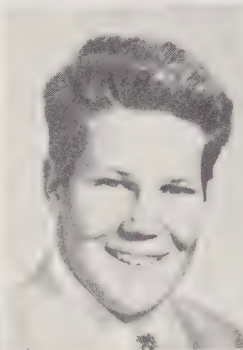
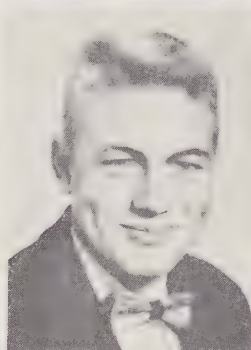
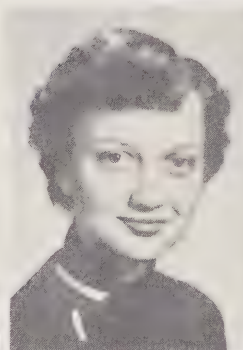
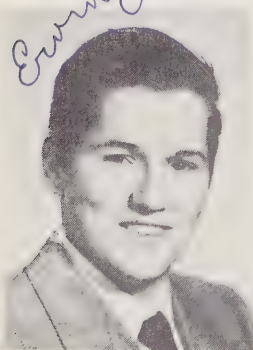
Maurice Baker
President

JUNIORS

Bobby Benton
Joyce Byrum
Shirley Craig
Ann Curlee

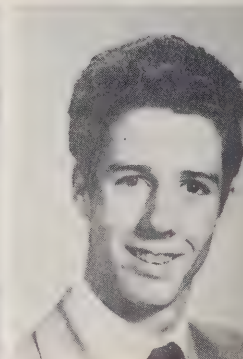
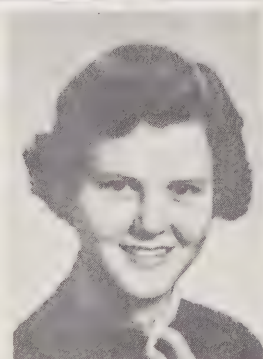


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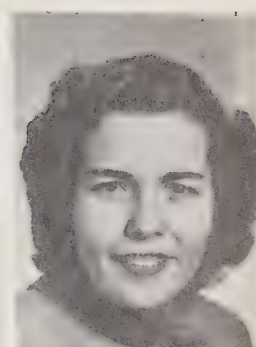
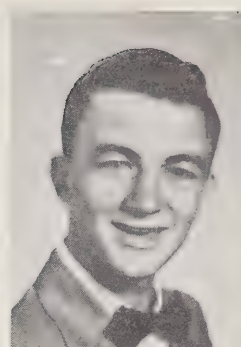
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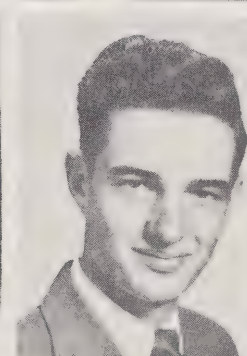
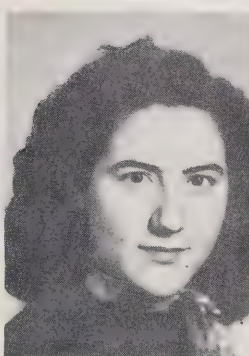
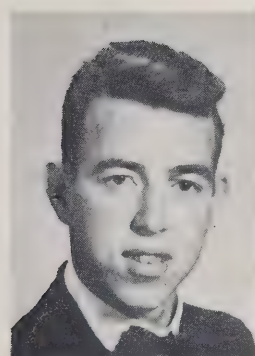
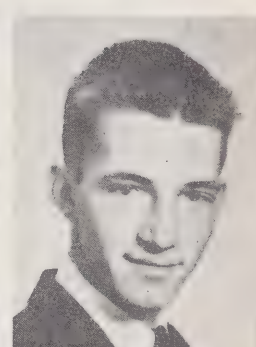
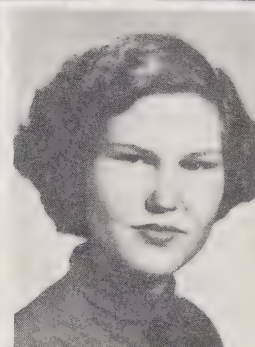
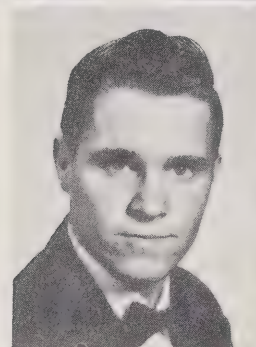
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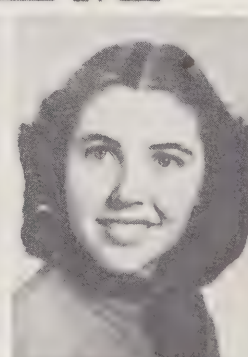
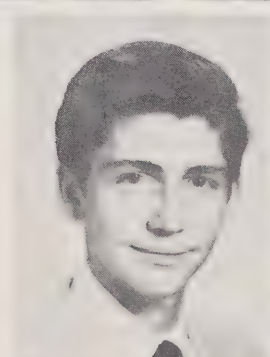
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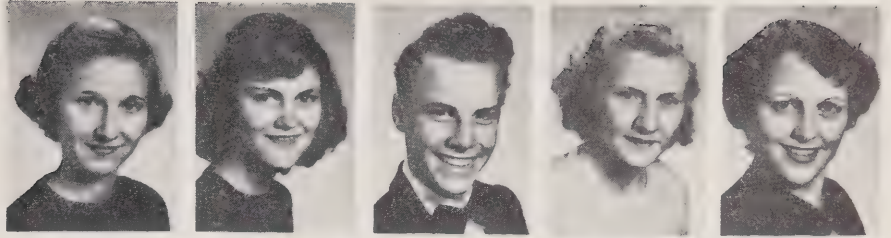


Two black and white headshots of students. On the left is a young man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and dark tie. On the right is a young woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark, high-collared dress. Both are smiling slightly.

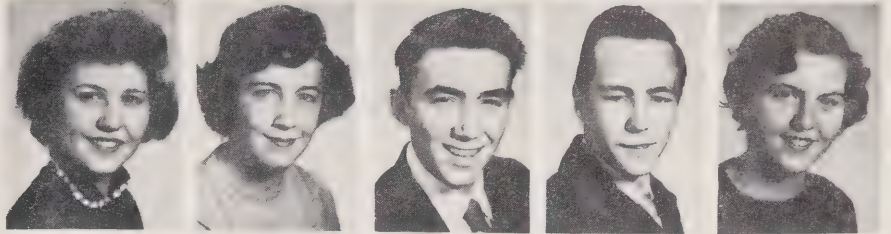
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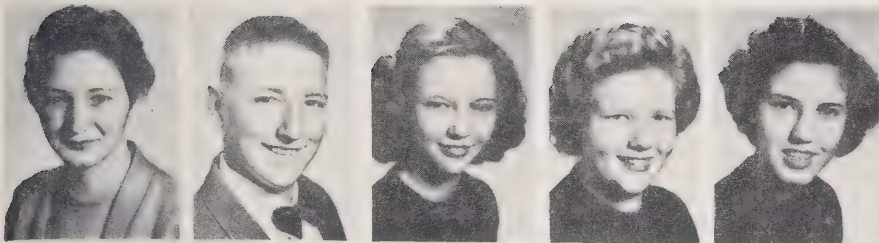
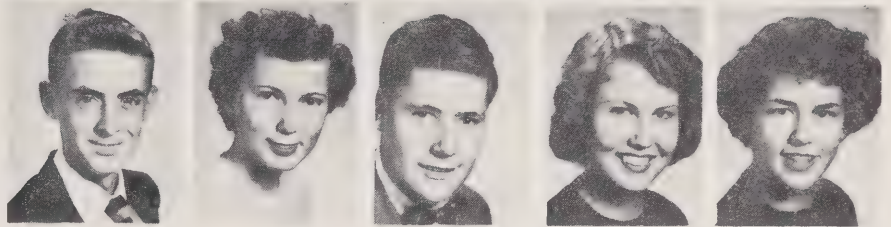
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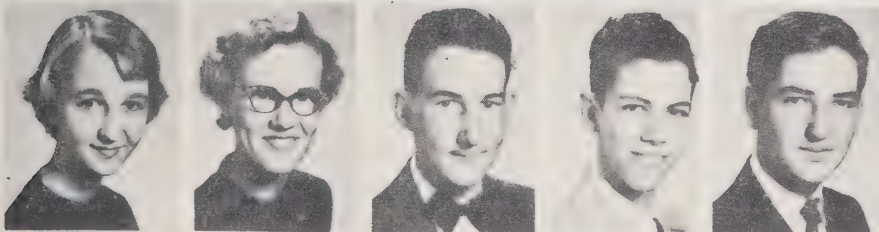
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Carol Smith
Elsie Sykes
Jean Tarlton



Aline Terry
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Roy Williamson
Tony Wright

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Helms, Bob Pate.



Shirley Hammond

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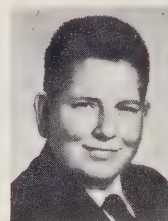


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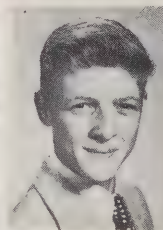
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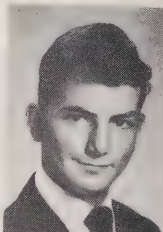
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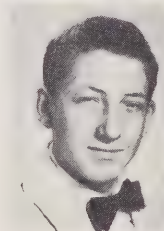
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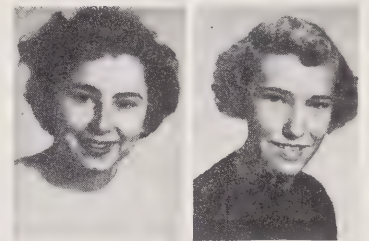


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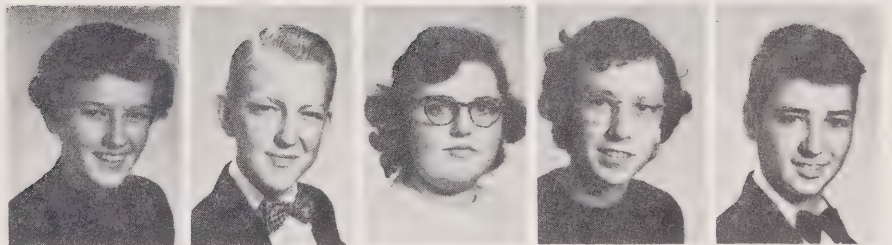


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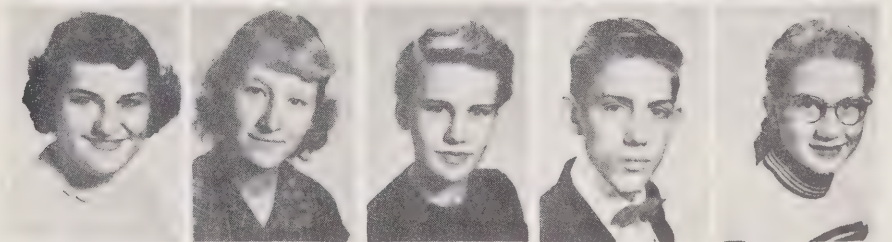
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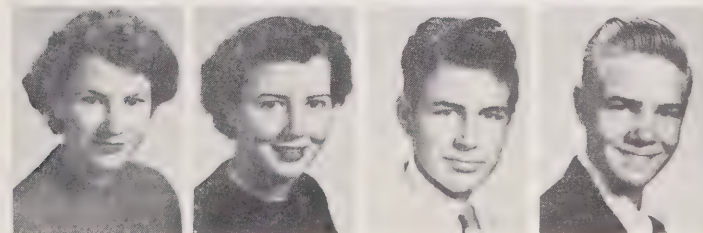
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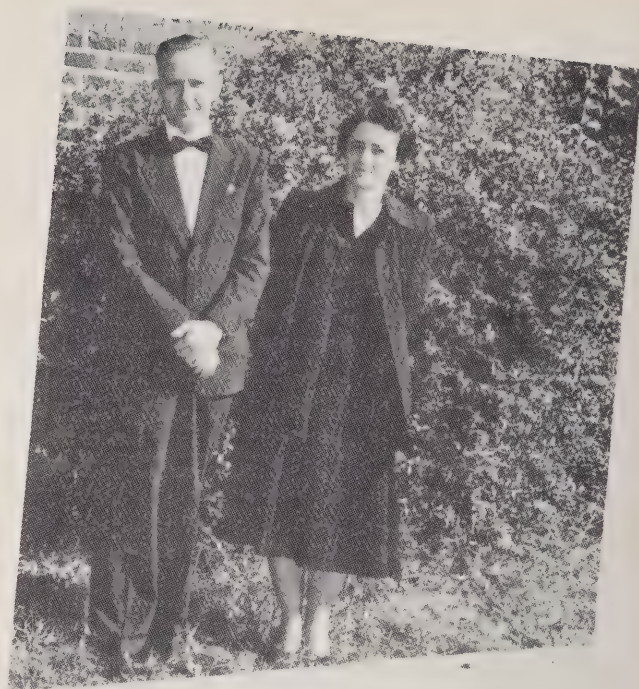
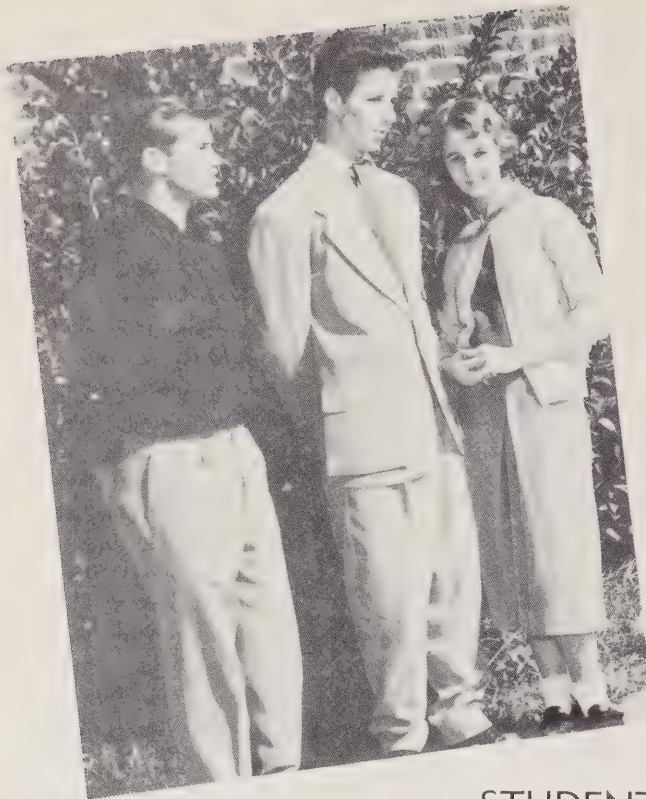
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 Shirley Pressley
 W. H. Privette
 Nancy Starnes



Myrna Stanton
 Verna Stanton
 R. E. Tarlton
 J. T. Taylor



Magdaline Presley, Absent



STUDENT COUNCIL

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 Monte Helms.....*Vice President*
 Aline Terry.....*Secretary*

CO-SPONSORS

Mr. Oscar W. Broome
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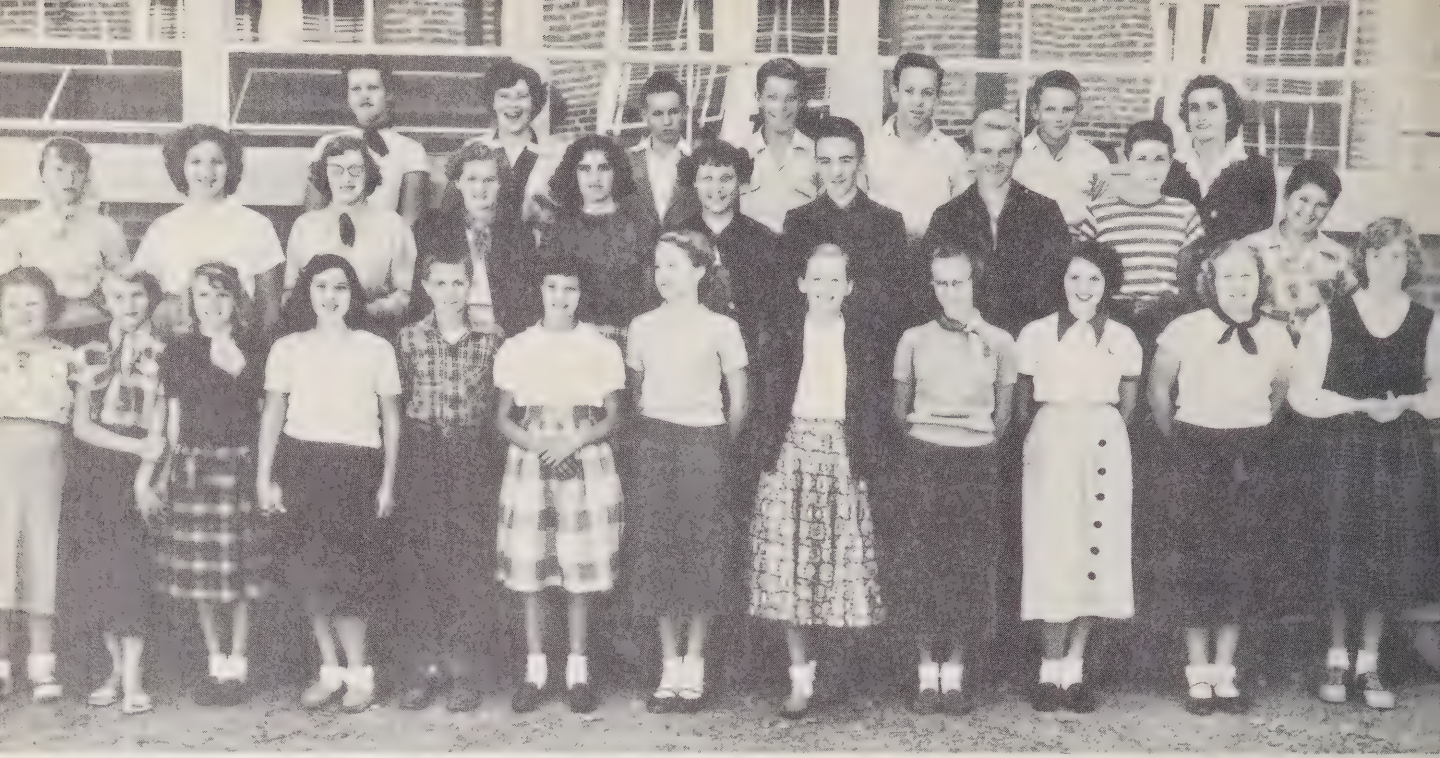
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 Second Row—Jimmy Helms, W. C. Mullis, Max Hargett, Ronald Rummage, Johnny Gordon.*



JUNIOR AND LITTLE BENTON HEIGHTS

KAY HARGETT
Little Miss Benton Heights

BRENDA GRIFFIN
Junior Miss Benton Heights



MRS. RALPH SMITH.....

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Kizzie Braswell, Ann Tarlton, Barbara Ferguson, Frances Hasty, Jerry Little, Peggy Mills, Linda Funderburk, Mary Holmes, Joan Broome, Shirley Anderson, Carole Broome, Betty Ann Hall. *Second Row—*Hazel Hinson, Shirley Simpson, Edith Poplin, Margaret Monroe, Mary Marrone, Linda Waters, Jimmy Williams, Dwight Foster, Cornelius Underwood, Larry Herring. *Third Row—*Mitchlene Wallace, Audry Mullis, Lamar Benton, Lewis Simpson, Kenneth Riggins, Ronald Stevenson, Mrs. Smith.

EIGHTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row—*Dean Craig, Warren Helms, Franklin Broome, Edward Pressley, Max Starnes, Pat Secrest, Bill Simpson, Rachel Polk, Lynette Carroll, Betty Hunter. *Second Row—*Richard Broome, Johnny Gordon, Phyllis Hunnecutt, Betty Hargette, Burnice Starnes, Martha Wiley, Helen Crooke, Evelyn Taylor, Brenda Helms. *Third Row—*Dahl Stegall, Billy Walsh, Buren Price, Mr. McQuage, Bobby Riggins, Fred Burgess, Ted Wortman, Allen Love.

MR. JAMES M. McQUAGE.....

Teacher





MRS. BRUCE BIVENS

Teacher

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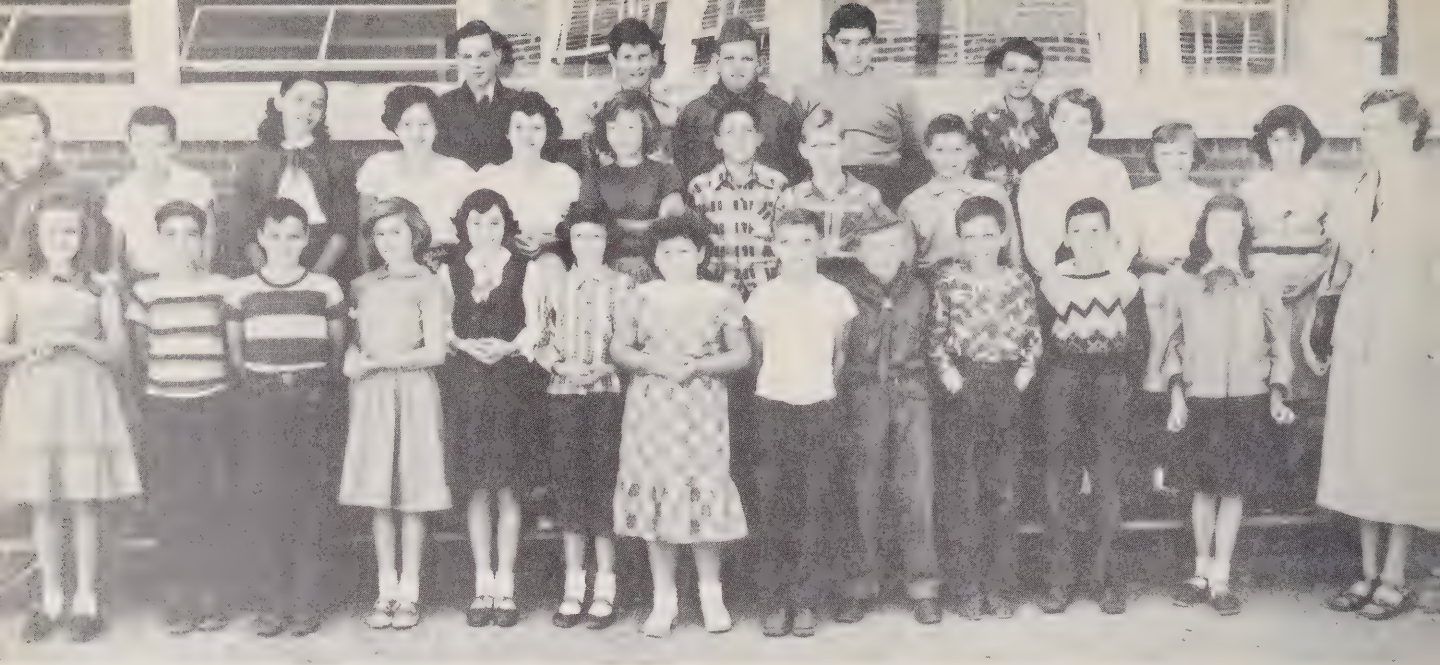
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*Absent—*Jewel Stegall, Patty Pressley, Don Liles, Shirley Price, Jimmy Eury.

MRS. MATTIE B. COBB

Teacher





MISS MARGARETTE LOVETeacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Christine Martin, Billy Ray Surratt, Jimmy Hargette, Audna Quick, Silvia Teagle, Doris Williams, Colleen Helms, Willie Murphy, Bobby Trull, Tommy Graham, J. D. White, Nell Nash, Miss Love. *Second Row—*Ronald Griffin, Douglas Simpson, Ruby Tucker, Linda Broome, Margaret Keziah, Lucille Williams, Fred Keziah, Bobby Parks, Steve Tsitouris, Rita Freeman, Rachel Melton, Sue Helms. *Third Row—*Joe Neal Helms, Barry Williams, Robert Weir, Dale Whitmore, Nolan Walden.

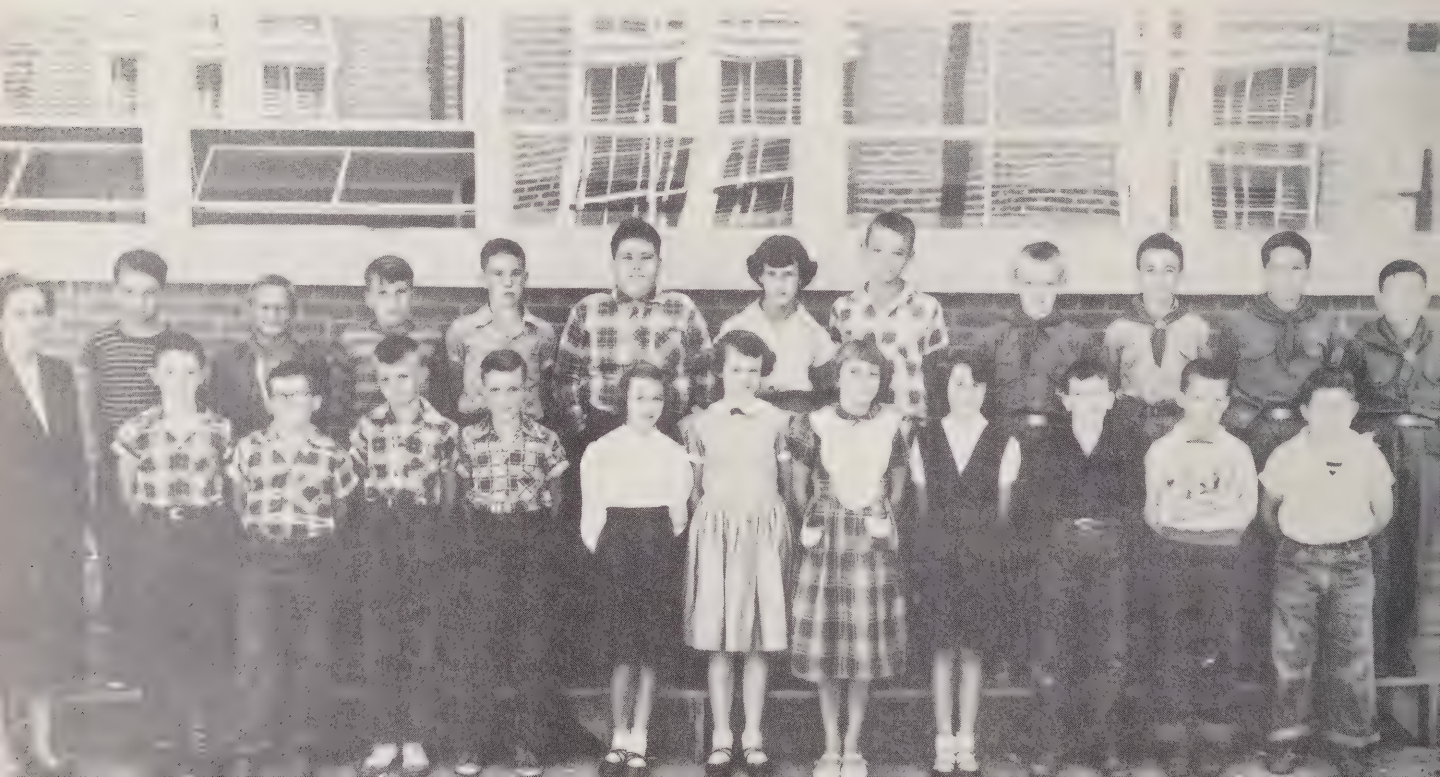
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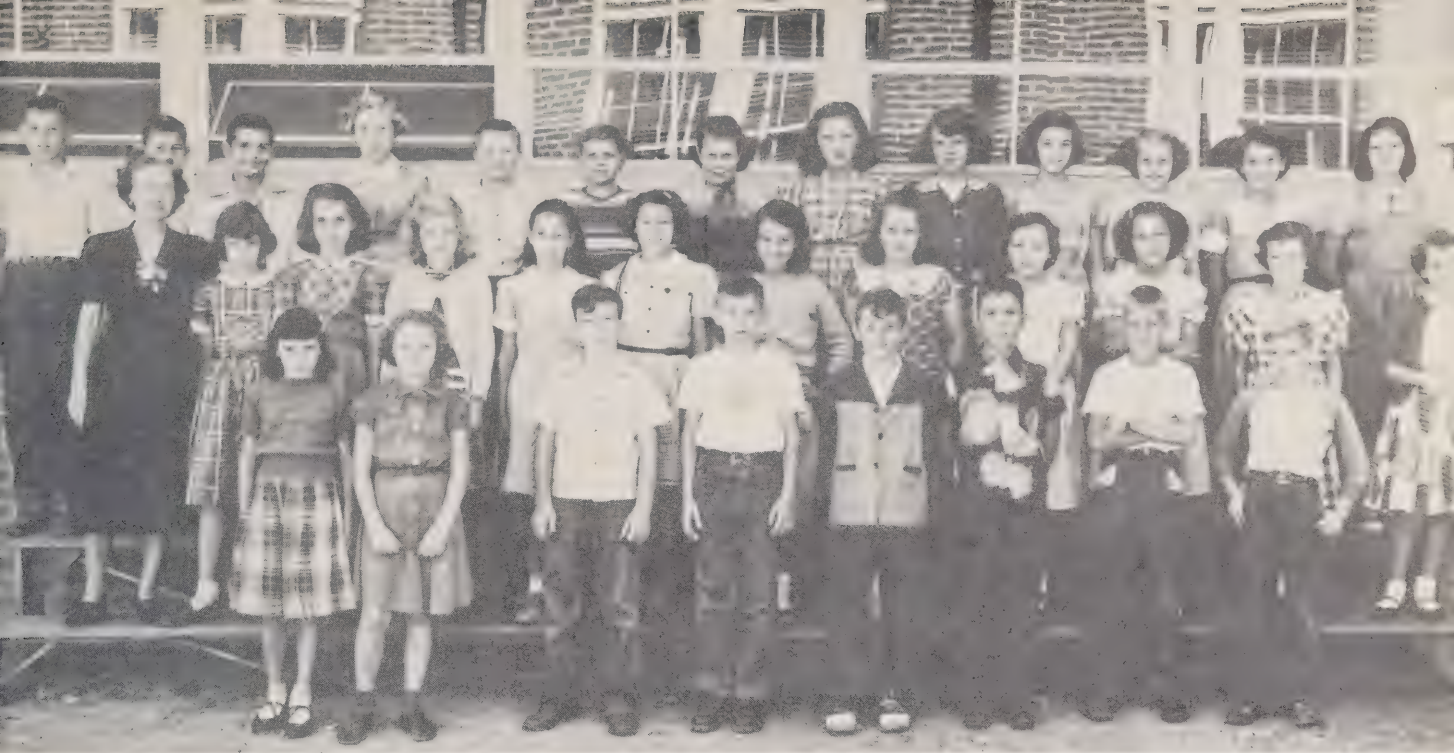
SIXTH GRADE

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*Absent—*Frankie Benton, Dowd Broome, Jerry Helms, Paris Flowe, Lois Flynn, Cottein Gray, Joyce Pate.

MRS. IRMA H. BROOMETeacher





MISS PAT BENTON.....

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Diane Griffin, Fanny Spier, Dean Helms, Winston Dean, Billy Ray Griffin, Wayne Lewis, Kenneth Griffin, Albert Hargett. *Second Row—*Julia Renegar, Linda Price, Joyce Boatright, Ruth Kilgore, Nellie Huckabee, Nancy Helms, Jane Ross, Linda Montgomery, Barbara Mills, Jean Hamilton, Sue Lewellyn. *Third Row—*Billie Austin, Mitchell Presley, Dennis Hilton, Paula Riggins, Mack Smith, Charles Outlaw, Janet Helms, Marlene Price, Alice Sells, Brenda Tucker, Gayle Baucom, Patsy Lynn, Helen Plyler.

*Absent—*Acie Helms, Gary Ramsey, James Scott, C. A. Stancil, David Sykes, Phyllis Helms, Shirley Flynn, Louise Baucom.

FIFTH GRADE

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*Absent—*Gene Scott, Joe Keziah, Lee Aycoth, John Holly, Carol Hammond.

MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS.....

Teacher





MRS. HAL GOODE.....

Teacher

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FOURTH GRADE

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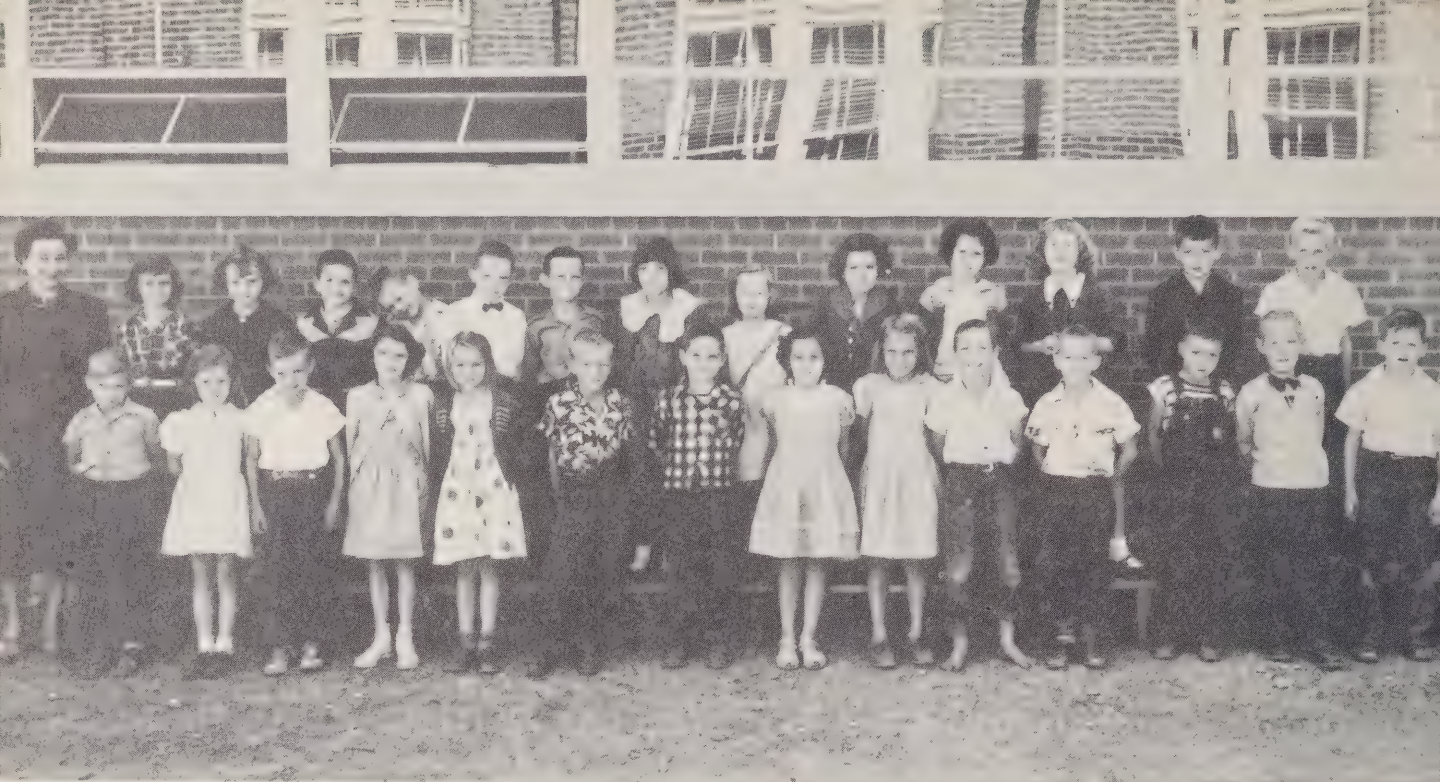
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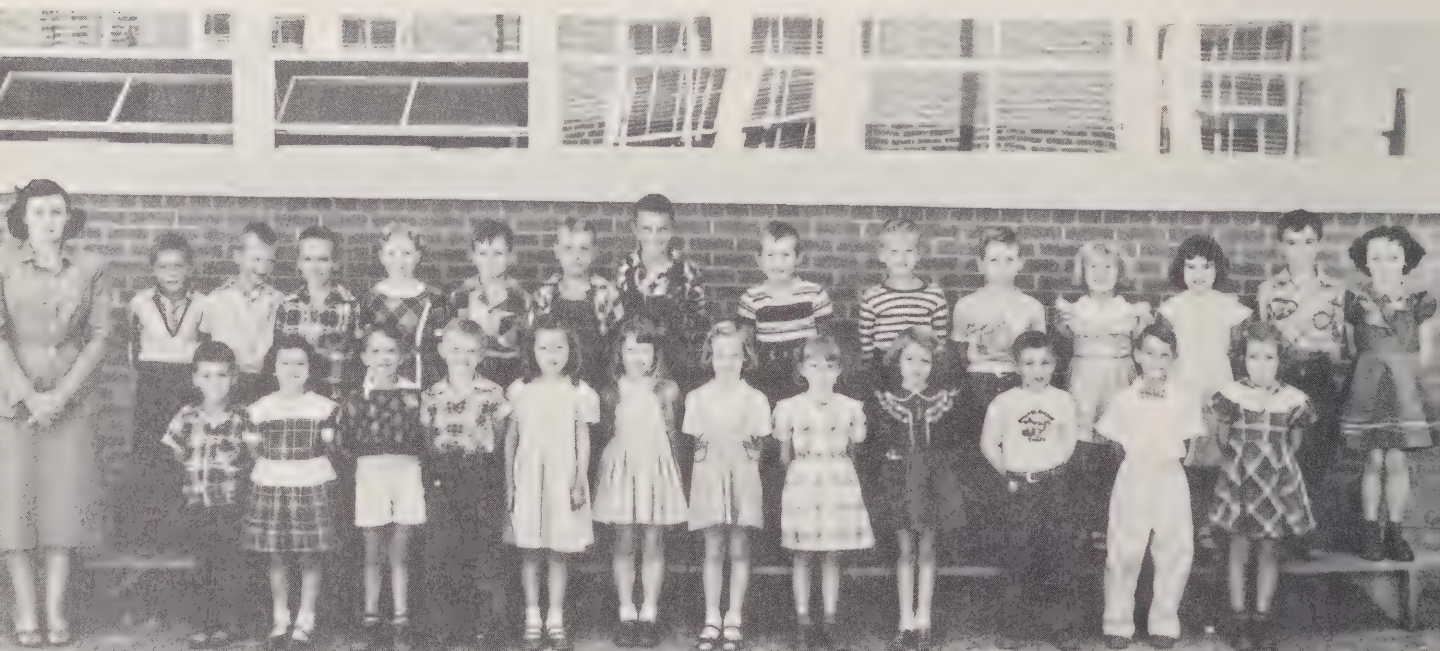
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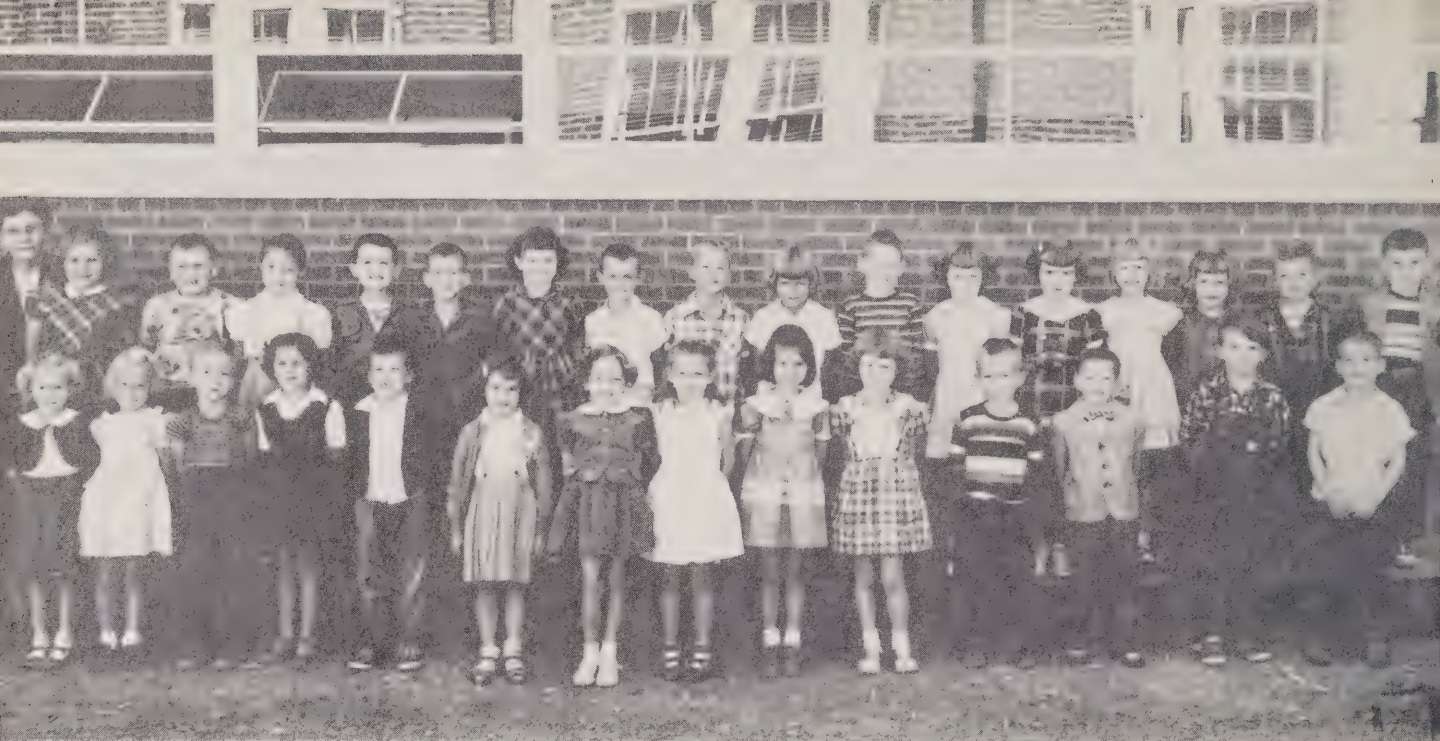
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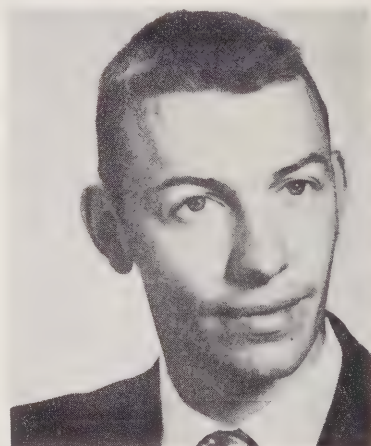
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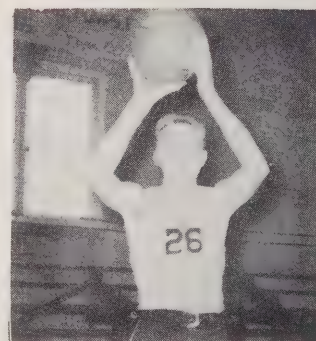
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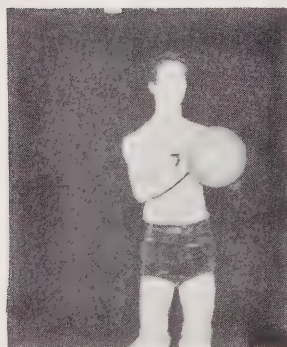
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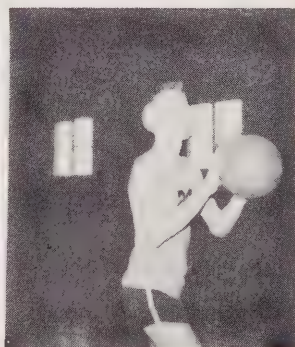
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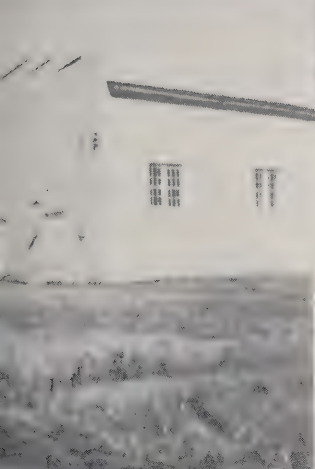
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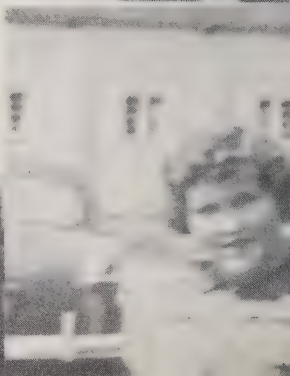
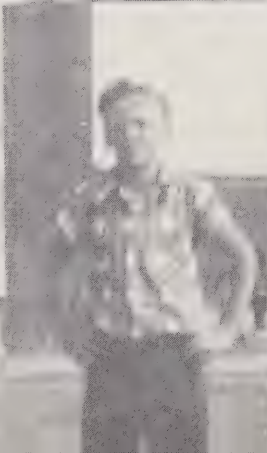
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classes don't give
to miss you and A.H.S.
always
Earlene

Miss Latham,
I have enjoyed
being in your class very
much. I am looking forward
to being in three classes
of yours next year!
Shirley I
m. Annis

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Miss Latham,
I words can't express
what a wonderful teacher
you have been. I will
always remember you as
one of my favorite teachers. I will
May every senior class will be as
in the future be as nice as
we were. Best wishes always
Love, Lorraine

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When you get married
and have some twins,
Don't call on me
for safety pins!!
Thanks for a
wonderful year!
Myra Tucker

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Best of Luck always
To a very fine typing teacher
Erwin "Flat" Elms
(why to be sure)

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Here's to a sweet
and wonderful teacher.
Keep on being that way.
may yours
(53)

Best of luck
always to a
very fine teacher.
Beverly M. Cullen

To a good teacher
Ronald Helms

I have enjoyed being
under you. I know
without your help I wouldn't
have learned half as
much. I do 6 luck.
Larry

I hope you teach for
years to come so the
other students can see
what a wonderful teacher
the class of '53" had. I
have enjoyed every moment
of it, and I will never forget
you.

I will never know
how much your leadership
and guidance has meant to
me these past years may you
always lead a full and wonderful
life. Much happiness to you and Tom.
lots of luck to one of the most wonderful
persons I have ever known!
Claudine
(53)

Here's wishing
a good teacher
lots of luck.
"Mudballs"
(Bud)

To a very good
teacher, here is
wishing you the
best of luck
James Whitaker

To a swell
person
Earl Price

Some day I
hope I will
learn to type as
you would have
me to do.

"Maurice"

To the best teacher
that I have ever
had. But wishes
Jack Love

To a good teacher
Robby S. S. S.

May you have more
success with your
teaching and live to show
that I have been
Chy. R. R.
C/1756 0:"53"

this is the third year that
 is very grateful for
 all your efforts for
 teach me: I've enjoyed
 your teaching and I think
 I've learned a lot (soon I know)
 out just how much I know
 the same always!
 Your friend always,
 Marcine Carter

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Miss Lathan
 This has
 been one of the
 best years of my
 school life. Thanks
 to all of our wonderful
 teachers.

"a" Helms

I have enjoyed having
 you as a teacher the
 last two years. With
 I was coming back with
 you to be with you again.
 Eugene

Miss Lathan,
 you are one
 of the nicest
 teachers I have
 ever had. I hope to
 see you next year.
 Love,
 Joe Peeling

Miss Lathan,

I enjoyed this year of school
 because you have try to help me
 every way possible. Best of luck
 always.
 Donald Kummage

Miss Lathan

You have been a light
 in the years I have
 been in your class.

Bruce
 Medlin

P.S. Keep the "Bells"
 - ringing

The best
life has to offer
to one of the sweetest
teachers I've ever
had. Hope we have as
much fun next year,
lots of love,
with Neal McChesney

Miss Lathan,
we will never
be able to get
just what we
want. I will
have past two years. I will
always be with you during
the past year. I will
have the best of you, especially
you. I will be with you
as long as I live.
I am your friend,
Dennis Jean Helms

To the sweetest most
loyal teacher I have
ever had. Hope we
have as much fun
next year as we
have had this year.
Lots of love,
Linda Helms

We have had fun
the past two years
of our high school.
and we the "Senior
Class of 1953" thank
you.

"E oc" Thank

To my Darling, Dearest
Beloved, Sweetest, most
dearest Teacher.
"Pray for me"
Dulbert

Miss Lathan,
you are the best
teachers I have
ever had, may
you teach forever.
Billy Ray Yundt



